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REF: Adana 000133

¶1. (SBU) The Anti-Terror Branch of the Turkish National Police reported, to Consulate Adana's SD Supervisor, that the police had a tip regarding Turkish citizen Fahrettin Kocakaya (born in Diyarbakir in 1987). They were following him when he came to Tarsus and attempted to enter the Sub-Governor's Office building on June 13, 2006 carrying a plastic bag. When he saw the police at the entrance, he panicked and turned around. He left the bag in front of a nearby bookstore on Adana Street at which time the police detained him. After investigating the contents of the bag, a bomb disposal team was called to the sight and safely detonated the package. Follow-up reports from the police indicate that the package contained a remote controlled explosive, hand grenade, electrical fuse, cell phone, and battery. When arrested Mr. Kocakaya had a cell phone, battery, and three Turk Cell pre-paid SIM cards on him.

¶2. (SBU) Prior to his arrest, Fahrettin Kocakaya was staying with Remzi Kocakaya in Tarsus. Subsequent to Fahrettin's arrest, Remzi's house was searched and bomb materials were found including a cigarette box filled with explosives, a welding machine, electrical fuses, and some wires. Remzi Kocakaya was then arrested on charges of assisting and harboring a terrorist.

¶3. (SBU) The Adana Terror Unit Police Chief reports that Fahrettin Kocakaya also has been charged with the June 3, 2006 bombing in Mersin in which a dozen people were wounded including one police officer (Ref: Adana 000133).

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